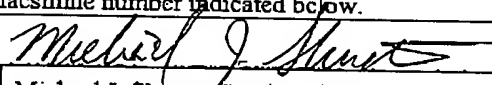


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Office Action in the above matter dated December 9, 2002, in which the claims were restricted into Group I (Claims 1 through 8) and Group II (Claims 9 through 13), Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group II.

Restriction is proper where inventions are independent or distinct and failure to restrict imposes a serious burden on the examiner. If search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the

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case on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions (MPEP Section 803, August 2001).

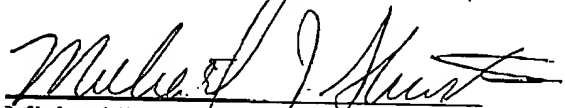
Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction requirement on the basis that search and examination of the entire case would not pose a serious burden. Group I comprises a single independent claim (Claim 1) and Group II comprises two independent claims (Claims 9 and 11). Only thirteen claims are pending in the case, thus the total number of claims is small. Furthermore the claims of Group I and Group II both require search to locate art related to the growth of virally infected cells. In addition the claims of Group I require search to locate art relating to introduction of a perturbagen into a cell, and the same search is required for each of the dependent claims of Group II. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that no undue burden would result if the restriction requirement were withdrawn.

Favorable action and allowance of all claims now pending, Claims 1 through 13, are respectfully solicited.

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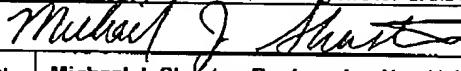
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